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As a below-named inventor, I declare that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed in the specification identified below and for which a patent is sought on the invention as titled therein. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

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Title of the Invention: Moderately Resistive Rubber Composition and Rubber Member

☒ Patent specification attached.☐ Patent specification was filed on _____ as U.S. application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).☒ No earlier-filed foreign applications of which priority benefit is claimed.☐ Required information as to earlier-filed foreign applications of which priority benefit is claimed appears on page 2 attached.☒ No earlier-filed U.S. applications of which priority benefit is claimed.☐ Required information as to earlier-filed U.S. applications of which priority benefit is claimed appears on page 2 attached.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: The power to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith is hereby granted to the following ☒ attorney(s) ☐ agent(s):

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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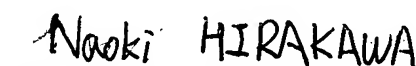
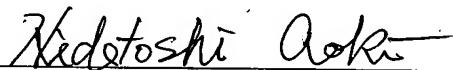
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☐ Required information as to earlier-filed foreign applications of which priority benefit is claimed.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Country
JAPAN
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Application No.
2001-317751
2002-302328

Filing Date
October 16, 2001
October 16, 2002

Priority Claimed (Yes-No)
No
No

☐ Required information as to earlier-filed U.S. applications of which priority benefit is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Application Serial No.

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Status (patented, pending or abandoned)